

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 and 22 are pending in the present application. All of the claims have been allowed.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner states that a storage device and detector as claimed in claim 19 must be shown or the features canceled from the claims. While Applicant does not agree with the objection to the drawings, Applicant has responded as requested by the Examiner.

New FIG. 8 has been added, showing a block diagram of a tandem free operation inband signaling synchronization system. In the Specification, a new paragraph has been added on page 17. On page 5, a sentence has been added to the Brief Description of the Drawings.

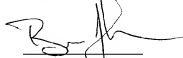
No new matter has been added. The paragraph added on page 17 is identical to original paragraph 7, with the addition of reference numerals and a reference to new FIG. 8. The block diagram of FIG. 8 does not add any new matter that is not in the original patent application.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are patentable over the prior art. It is further more respectfully submitted that all other matters have been addressed and remedied and that the application is in form for allowance. Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Bruce A. Johnson, Applicants' Attorney at 512-301-9900 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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